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"THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS SENT TO NEW YORK THE FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ... TO HELP ... EFFORTS AIMED AT ELIMINATING THE PRESENT DANGEROUS SITUATION": Message From the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. (Khrushchev) to the U.N. Acting Secretary-General (Thant), October 28, 1962²²

DEAR MR. U THANT:

I am forwarding to you a copy of the message I sent today to the President of the United States, Mr. J. Kennedy,²³ in order to enable you to familiarize yourself with our position, which we regard as exhaustive and which will help you to discharge your noble functions.

In connection with the negotiations you are conducting now with representatives of the Soviet Union, the United States of America and the Cuban Republic, the Soviet Government has sent to New York the First Deputy Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R., V. V. Kuznetsov, to help you in your efforts aimed at eliminating the present dangerous situation.

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28 October 1962

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In connexion with the talks you are now conducting with the Representatives of the Soviet Union, the United States of America, and the Republic of Cuba, the Soviet Government has sent to New York Mr. V.V. Kuznetsov, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R., to assist you in your efforts to resolve the dangerous situation which has arisen.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed), N. Khrushchev

Mr. Thant,
Acting Secretary-General
of the United Nations